Sample Email to Parents About July 10 Board Meeting

Subject: Call the School Board Today to Protect Funding for Our School

Dear Parents,

I am writing to let you know that this Tuesday, July 10, the L.A. Unified Board of Education, our authorizers, will decide whether to ask Los Angeles voters to approve a new tax measure in November to support Los Angeles public schools. However, the current proposed tax measure explicitly excludes charter public schools like ours!

Although LAUSD has historically included charter schools in its efforts to raise more money for public schools, the District prepared this proposed tax measure at the last minute and without community and stakeholder input, and haven't had a discussion about whether to include charter schools. It is important that we remind the Board of Education that charter schools are public schools and our kids deserve the same public education opportunities as kids at traditional public schools. High quality educational programs; high quality teachers; and safe schools are important our students, too!

We encourage you to email or make a call to the L.A. Unified board members below to TODAY, on Monday, July 9 to let them know our community is watching these developments, and that we expect them to vote against any public tax measure that does not equitably include charter public schools. You can use the email sample and script below to get your message across.

We appreciate your support!

Sample Parent Email to Board Members

Dear L.A. Unified Board of Education,

My name is [insert name] and I have [#] children in charter schools in Los Angeles. One of the reasons I send my kids to charter schools is because they are public schools that value high-quality public education opportunities, just like traditional public schools.

I was disappointed to learn that LAUSD is planning to ask voters to approve a new tax measure in November to support Los Angeles public schools, but that the proposed measure would exclude charter public schools like mine.

As a public school parent and taxpayer, I believe that all students – traditional and charter – are entitled to the same level and quality of educational services, including high quality educational programs; adequate instructional materials and classroom supplies; high quality teachers; support for our most disadvantaged students; and overall safe schools, all of which are sought by this proposed parcel tax.

We ask that you stand and support all Los Angeles public school students, not just some of them, as the school District has in the past.

Please vote against any proposed tax measure that does not equitably include the 100,000 charter school students and families like mine who love and depend on these public schools.

Please give us reasons to believe that we are One City for All Kids!

Sincerely,

Sample Script for Board Member Calls

- Good [morning/afternoon], my name is [state name] and I am a parent of [#] kids at [school.]

- I am calling because I am concerned about the resolution being heard by the Board of Education on Tuesday called "Fulfilling Our Commitment to Raise Revenue for Increased School Funding." The resolution, as I understand, wants LAUSD to ask voters to approve a new tax in November to support public schools.

- I am concerned because the resolution does not include ***charter public school students*** when asking for a tax to support Los Angeles public schools. Every child attending a public school in LA deserves the same opportunities and resources.

- ***For that reason, I ask you to vote NO on any tax plan that does not include public charter schools.***

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